

1) Being able to get DSL service from Sonic.NET, a small independent ISP who contracts its DSL lines from larger phone companies, is all about choice and cost to me. I cannot get the kind of service I want for my home network from the larger ISPs (static IP addresses, high speed, quality customer service, reverse DNS lookup, IPv6, wifi hotspots, permission to run a server). I can get some of the just mentioned services such as static IP address from the larger ISPs, but they would cost me much more than. The bottom line is, if Sonic.NET were to go away, I would lose my home network as I have it today. I could no longer run a Linux server. I could no longer run games on one PC and have my wife use another PC. I could no longer read email remotely. I could no longer stay on the technology bleeding edge.

2) I support regulation of the large ISPs/phone companies in as much as it assures me that Sonic.NET can continue to do business as they have in the past. In fact, I wish we had that same kind of choice for cable modem service. It is the number one reason, why I have always chosen DSL over cable. Choice and price.